#### Fall is for Tree Planting!

August 2020

This fall the City will be planting street trees in the Camp Curtin area, through a grant from the Community Covenant Corporation. The area included is between Division and Maclay Streets, and between Logan and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. If you live in that part of the City and would like a new tree on your street, please let the City Forester know. Funds are limited and requests will be honored on a first come first served basis until September 15.

Street trees are those planted between the sidewalk and the curb, usually in an opening in the sidewalk known as a "tree pit," or in the strip of grass known as the "tree lawn." There is no charge for a tree, but you will be asked to help plant it if you are able, and to help care for it once planted.

Healthy trees have been shown to improve property values and reduce crime, and to generally make a neighborhood more pleasant to live in. They also cleanse the air of pollutants, and produce life-giving oxygen. They help to reduce stormwater runoff and can reduce localized flooding.

Selecting the right tree for the planting space available is critical to avoid problems down the road as the tree matures. A limited selection of small, medium, and large-maturing trees will be offered. We'll consider the size of the planting space available, the distance from buildings and traffic control devices, and the presence of both overhead and underground utilities in deciding which species would be best for you.

If you're a Camp Curtin resident interested in a street tree, or if you'd like to help plant this fall, please contact me at <a href="mailto:earoane@harrisburgpa.gov">earoane@harrisburgpa.gov</a> or (717) 512-8255. Ellen Roane, City Forester.

# WHAT A DIFFERENCE TREES MAKE!





### Want to add some green to Camp Curtin this fall?

#### Here's How:

- Through a grant from Covenant Community Corporation, the City Parks Department is offering street trees to Camp Curtin residents at no charge!
- Funds are limited and requests will be honored on a first come first served basis.
- Trees will be carefully selected to ensure that they will not grow too large for the site, and will not
  interfere with overhead wires.
- Participants will be offered a limited choice of suitable trees for their site.
- Participants are asked to help plant the tree, if possible, and to commit to watering and caring for the
  tree once planted.
- Tenants of rental properties are also eligible, as long as the property owner does not object. (The
  owner will be notified by certified mail and offered the opportunity to opt out if they object.)
- If necessary, we may be able to remove a stump or dead tree first before planting a new tree, or cut
  concrete to enlarge a planting space for a street tree.
- Street trees are those planted within the public right-of-way, either in an opening in the sidewalk or in the area between the sidewalk and the curb.

## Interested?

Email <u>earoane@harrisburgpa.gov</u> or call (717) 255-3003 with the following info:

- Name
- Property address
- Mailing address, if different
- Best phone number(s)
- Email
- Whether you own or rent the property

Don't delay.
Offer ends September 15